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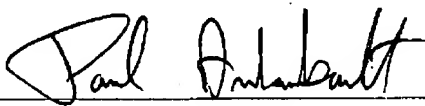
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Application No. <b>09/709,787</b>	Filing Date <b>November 7, 2000</b>	Examiner <b>Michael D. MASINICK</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2125</b>
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Docket No.  
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In Re Application Of: **Benoit LAFLAMME et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/709,787	November 7, 2000	Michael D. MASINICK	28291	2125	4281

Invention: **SPA CONTROLLER COMPUTER INTERFACE**

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*Date*

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated April 2, 2007 finally rejecting Claim(s) \* 155, 158-172, 180-183, 185-187 and 190-223.

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